



THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

HYMN: ICH 316:

Bright the vision that delighted
once the sight of Judas's seer;
sweet the countless tongues united
to entrance the prophet's ear.

Round the Lord in glory seated
cherubim and seraphim
filled his temple, and repeated
each to each the alternate hymn:

'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven,
earth is with thy fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given,
holy, holy, holy Lord.'

Heaven is still with glory ringing,
earth takes up the angels' cry,
'Holy, holy, holy', singing,
'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high'.

With his seraph-train before him,
with his holy Church below,
thus conspire we to adore him,
bid we thus our anthem flow:

'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven,
earth is with thy fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given,
holy, holy, holy Lord.'

Words: Richard Mant (1776-1848) based on Isaiah 6:1-3

Tune: LAUS DEO (REDHEAD NO. 46) Richard Redhead (1820-1901) in Church Hymn Tunes (1853)

OPENING RESPONSES:

○ Lord, open thou our lips
and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

God, make speed to save us.
○ Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

PSALM: 37

Fret not thyself because of the ungodly:
neither be thou envious against the evil doers.
For they shall soon be cut down like the grass:
and be withered even as the green herb.
Put thou thy trust in the Lord, and be doing good:
dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.
Delight thou in the Lord:
and he shall give thee thy heart's desire.
Commit thy way unto the Lord, and put thy trust in him:
and he shall bring it to pass.
He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light:
and thy just dealing as the noon-day.

Hold thee still in the Lord, and abide patiently upon him:

but grieve not thyself at him, whose way doth prosper, against the man that doeth after evil counsels.

Leave off from wrath, and let go displeasure:

fret not thyself, else shalt thou be moved to do evil.

Wicked doers shall be rooted out:

and they that patiently abide the Lord, those shall inherit the land.

Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall be clean gone:

thou shalt look after his place, and he shall be away.

But the meek-spirited shall possess the earth:

and shall be refreshed in the multitude of peace.

The ungodly seeketh counsel against the just:

and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.

The Lord shall laugh him to scorn:

for he hath seen that his day is coming.

The ungodly have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow:

to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as are of a right conversation.

Their sword shall go through their own heart:

and their bow shall be broken.

A small thing that the righteous hath:

is better than great riches of the ungodly.

For the arms of the ungodly shall be broken:

and the Lord upholdeth the righteous.

The Lord knoweth the days of the godly:

and their inheritance shall endure for ever.

They shall not be confounded in the perilous time:

and in the days of dearth they shall have enough.

As for the ungodly, they shall perish; and the enemies of the Lord shall consume as the fat of lambs:

yea, even as the smoke, shall they consume away.

The ungodly borroweth, and payeth not again:

but the righteous is merciful, and liberal.

Such as are blessed of God shall possess the land:

and they that are cursed of him shall be rooted out.

The Lord ordereth a good man's going:

and maketh his way acceptable to himself.

Though he fall, he shall not be cast away:

for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.

I have been young, and now am old:

and yet saw I never the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging their bread.

The righteous is ever merciful, and lendeth:

and his seed is blessed.

Flee from evil, and do the thing that is good:

and dwell for evermore.

For the Lord loveth the thing that is right:

he forsaketh not his that be godly, but they are preserved for ever.

The unrighteous shall be punished:

as for the seed of the ungodly, it shall be rooted out.

The righteous shall inherit the land:

and dwell therein for ever.

The mouth of the righteous is exercised in wisdom:

and his tongue will be talking of judgement.

The law of his God is in his heart:

and his goings shall not slide.

The ungodly seeth the righteous:

and seeketh occasion to slay him.

The Lord will not leave him in his hand:
nor condemn him when he is judged.

Hope thou in the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall promote thee, that thou shalt possess the land:

when the ungodly shall perish, thou shalt see it.

I myself have seen the ungodly in great power:
and flourishing like a green bay tree.

I went by, and lo, he was gone:

I sought him, but his place could no where be found.

Keep innocency, and take heed unto the thing that is right:
for that shall bring a man peace at the last.

As for the transgressors, they shall perish together:
and the end of the ungodly is, they shall be rooted out at the last.

But the salvation of the righteous cometh of the Lord:
who is also their strength in the time of trouble.

And the Lord shall stand by them, and save them:

he shall deliver them from the ungodly, and shall save them, because they put their trust in him.

Glory be to the Father:

and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.'

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

THE CANTICLE MAGNIFICAT:

My soul doth magnify the Lord:

and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded:

the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth:

all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me:

and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him:

throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm:

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat:

and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

SECOND LESSON: John 16:5-15

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

THE CANTICLE NUNC DIMITTIS:

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation.
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people.
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you
and with thy Spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us
and grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen
and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness
and make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people
and bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord,
because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us
and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity; We beseech thee, that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord: and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYERS

Prayer in praise of the Divine Trinity (Caryl Mickelm)

God the Father, God beyond us, we adore you.

You are the depth of all that is.

You are the ground of our being.

We can never grasp you, yet you grasp us;
the universe speaks of you to us,
and your love comes to us through Jesus.

God the Son, God beside us, we adore you.
You are the perfection of humanity.
You have shown us what human life should be like.
In you we see divine love and human goodness combined.
God the Spirit, God around us, we adore you.
You draw us to Jesus and to the Father.
You are power within us.
You give us abundant life
and can make us the men and women we are meant to be.
Father, Son, and Spirit;
God beyond, beside and around us;
we adore you.

Prayer for the struggle for positive resistance in the face of racial discrimination (Rev. Dr Martin Luther King Jr., adpt.)

God, give us strength of body
to keep walking for freedom.
God, give us strength of spirit
to remain nonviolent, even though we may face death.
God, grant that we wage the struggle
with dignity and discipline.
May all who suffer oppression in this world
reject the self-defeating method of retaliatory violence
and choose the method that seeks to redeem.
God, remove all bitterness from my heart
and give me the strength and courage
to face any disaster that comes my way.
O God, make us willing to do your will,
come what may.
Increase the number of persons
of good will and moral sensitivity.
Give us renewed confidence
in nonviolence
and the way of love as taught by Christ.

Prayer for reconciliation (Archbishop Robin Eames, adpt.)

God of mercy and love, fill our hearts anew with your divine love.
Fill our thinking with your touchstone of grace and understanding.
Guide our judgement of others made in your image.
Help us to be your instruments of reconciliation.
Help us to overcome human reaction to people and events with something of your love for others.
Forgive us when we doubt your power to heal relationships and make all things new.

A PRAYER OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

THE GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

HYMN: ICH 319

Father of heaven, whose love profound
a ransom for our souls has found,
before your throne we sinners bend;
to us your pardoning love extend.

Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
our prophet, priest, redeemer, Lord,
before your throne we sinners bend;
to us your saving grace extend.

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
the soul is raised from sin and death,
Before your throne we sinners bend;
to us your quickening power extend.

Thrice holy, Father, Spirit, Son -
mysterious Godhead, Three in One,
before your throne we sinners bend;
grace, pardon, life to us extend.

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PRAYER OF BLESSING

May the peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst us and remain with us always. **Amen.**



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